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# THE CHARLEROI MAIL

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## THREE TOWNS TO BE SUPPLIED WITH WATER FROM LOCAL PLANT

**Big Mains Connecting  
up Charleroi, Monessen  
and Donora Ready  
for Final Test**

**LAI D ACROSS RIVER**

**Important Bit of Engineering  
Work Concluded--New  
Equipment Installed at  
Pump Station**

Within another week the boroughs of Monessen and Donora will be supplied with water through the Charleroi plant of the Tri Cities' Water company. The forepart of next week the pipes will be connected up and water turned in. Two 16-inch mains have been laid across the river at North Charleroi, being imbedded four feet deep in the bottom of the river. The Dravo Construction company had the contract of laying the mains across the river. The mains were laid down Thirteenth street to the river. From that point they were stretched at an angle of about 22 degrees across to Wireton.

To imbed the pipes in the river expert engineering was required. The four foot ditches were dug with a steam shovel. Then pieces of pipe 200 feet long were placed on a carrier between two barges and lowered. Connections were made and joints tested by divers. This part of the work is yet to be finished and tested. If found all right the service will be opened the first part of the week. The Dravo Construction company has been working on the laying of the pipes across the river for about five weeks.

With the new service the two Charleroi reservoirs, the two Monessen supply tanks, one of which is on the hill and one down town, and the two supply tanks at Donora will be utilized. There is in use a 12-inch supply main across the river connecting Monessen and Donora, this having been laid and put into operation about two years ago.

A direct system of pumping will be effective. All the loose ends of mains in Charleroi have been connected up and there will be a continual flow of water through all streets towards Monessen. The excess supply of water will work its way to the Charleroi reservoirs. The supply to Donora will go through Monessen. Float valves are to be used on the supply tanks at both Monessen and Donora to prevent these tanks from becoming overcharged through the Charleroi reservoir.

It required the installation of considerable costly machinery at the Charleroi pump station and filtration plant to make the tri-borough arrangement possible. A new high pressure pump with a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons daily and a four million gallon low service pump were installed in addition to the two already in place. Four new filters were placed in addition to the six installed when the filtration plant was built. This will give the plant a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons of a water a day at a fair average. The pumping station.

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## CHURCH FEDERATION COMMITTEES NAMED

**County Interdenominational Organization Gets  
Work Under Systematic Arrangements--  
Urge Sunday Observance**

The Washington County Church Federation got affairs on a good working basis when on Thursday at a meeting at Washington they named committees and set them to their respective duties. Plans for the various branches of the federation work were discussed but particular attention was given to the work of the temperance committee, which is headed by W. W. Hunter of Buffalo. This committee was authorized to appeal to all the churches for financial aid and was given also free rein in outlining the plans for its campaign.

The chairmen of the committees, which were put on a working basis at Thursday's meeting are as follows: Sabbath observance, R. W. Knox,

Washington; temperance, W. W. Hunter, Buffalo; social service, the Rev. H. N. Cameron, Washington; social purity, the Rev. A. M. Guttery, Washington; finance, John H. Murdoch, Washington; boys' work, Prof. R. G. Dean, Monongahela. The county and home missions committee includes representatives of each denomination.

The officers of the inter-church federation are the Rev. George C. Sheppard, Washington, president; the Rev. J. S. Jewell, Washington, recording secretary; the Rev. C. L. McKee, Washington; corresponding secretary; N. R. Baker, Washington, treasurer. The vice-presidents include representatives of the various denominations included in the county.

## CHARLEROI BAKERIES MAINTAIN GOOD SANITARY CONDITIONS

**Deputy Factory Inspector  
James R. Patterson Makes  
Inspection Here**

**VISITS THE FACTORIES**

Deputy Factory Inspector James R. Patterson was in Charleroi Friday, inspecting factory conditions. He reported things here in excellent shape, and stated that he found the laws complied with generally with a ready compliance to any recommendation for the safety of employees. He stated that he very seldom finds violations of the child labor laws in his district, as the records kept by the school principals and superintendents make it extremely difficult to evade the law in getting employment certificates. He also paid Charleroi the compliment of saying the town has the most sanitary bakeries of any community in his district.

## SHIPMENT OF COAL AT LOCK NO. 5 SHORT

Lock No. 5 made a poor showing compared to that of Lock No. 4 in the November coal trade, the shipments through it being but 4,002,000 bushels of coal. There were 12,000 bushels of sand and 89,000 bushels of gravel shipped. Lock No. 5 is at Brownsville. It is south of many of the largest river shipping coal mines.

The Ladies of the First Presbyterian church will hold a Bazaar on the evening of December 9 and all day and evening of December 10 and 11, at 517 McKean avenue. Fine line of fancy work. All kinds of homemade cakes, pies and candy. 115-13

## WAR IN MEXICO COSTLY

**S. E. Rodgers Writes  
Concerning Affairs  
of Revolution**

**SUPERINTENDS RANCH**

Samuel Rodgers, a former Fallowfield township boy who is now superintendent of a big ranch for the Lake Chapala Agricultural and Improvement company at Guanajuato, Mexico, writes his mother, Mrs. Sarah Rodgers, an interesting letter concerning agricultural and political conditions in that country. He states that he has just finished plowing 500 acres for wheat planting and has 350 acres already planted with the grain. He also states that he has plowed and planted 600 acres to garbanzo, a sort of a pea that is used for feeding stock. A banner crop he says is expected.

Regarding the political conditions of the country Mr. Rodgers says that it is estimated from the amount of money and ammunition expended in the present insurrection in Mexico that it has cost \$200 for every man killed and that it takes 20,000 shots to kill a man. He also estimates that it has cost Mexico some \$10,000,000 during the two years of the rebellion for killing Indians out of season. According to Mr. Rodgers some missionary work is imperative in Mexico, but he intimates that something more than prayer is needed, and urges the societies to keep up their funds.

## DISEASE SPREADS RAPIDLY

**Roscoe Borough Author-  
ities to Enforce Quar-  
antine Law**

**EPIDEMIC IS FEARED**

As the result of an epidemic of measles, resulting it is stated from the lack of proper quarantine, the borough of Roscoe is making a move towards the enforcement of the law that may result in the prosecution of a number of persons. Both the school board and council are taking the matter up and will work jointly in the enforcement of the quarantine and health laws. It is asserted that in a recent case of disease the children were permitted to mingle with other

## COKE OVENS TO BE BUILT AT MARIANNA

**Contract Let for Construction of Over 400 of  
Most up-to Date Type--Railroad Plans  
to Straighten Railroad**

**NEED FIVE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL MEN**

Contracts have been awarded for 438 new coke ovens of the latest improved models to be constructed at Marianna. The tonnage of the Marianna mines must be increased 3,000 tons a day to meet the demand. The Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal company, which owns the Marianna mines is seeking 500 additional men. Sufficient orders have been received to keep the mines in operation for a year at the highest notch.

During the last few days contracts for 80,000 tons of coal were placed by the Cambria Steel company, an equal amount with the Clane Steel company of Philadelphia and E. W. Mudge & Co., while the Standard Steel

Car company have placed orders for their entire consumption and the only way to meet this tonnage is to increase the output.

The Rachel mines are the latest tonnage mines in the world and are capable of developing 10,000 tons daily but the mine has only been in operation about four years and it requires miles and miles of entry work to make elbow room for this enormous capacity which means about 300 railroad cars daily.

It is declared the railroad is considering the matter of straightening its lines out the Marianna branch in order that the long coal trains may be handled with greater dispatch and ease.

## LIVELY COMPETITION AMONG CHURCHES IN HOLDING BAAZARS

**WILL MAKE FILL  
OF APPROACHES  
AND LET SETTLE**

Approaches to the Belle Vernon-Speers bridge will be filled in with dirt and allowed to settle until spring, it is stated, when the brick will be laid. It has taken so long to get the work done that the structural contractor has been held up and is now clamoring for a chance to go to work so he can finish his part of the agreement. The bridge is to be kept open to foot passengers at all times.

**REV. BASTIAN HOST  
AT VENISON DINNER**

Rev. C. P. Bastian, pastor of Christ Lutheran church was host to the members of the official church board at a venison dinner Friday night. Rev. Bastian has recently returned from a hunting trip with his brother Dr. C. B. Bastian of Williamsport in Lycoming county, bringing with him a deer shot by his brother. The dinner was served at 7 o'clock.

The Ladies of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church will hold a Bazaar in the basement of the church Thursday evening, Dec. 5th and Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings, Dec. 6th and 7th. Also a market consisting of home-made pasteries and candies. 109-18

children and the contagion spread rapidly.

During the smallpox scare in the Monongahela valley a few years back it is charged that the lack of precaution among foreigners at Vesta who had the disease was the cause of it spreading so rapidly. Deaths occurred from this carelessness.

**Methodist Affair Closes as  
Presbyterians Get  
Started**

**MORE ARE YET TO COME**

Among the most numerous things in Charleroi at the present time are church bazaars. One is either starting or closing nearly every day now, where Christmas presents have been or are to be purchased at prices somebody else will have to quote.

Friday night the ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church ended their annual bazaar, with \$200 in the treasury clear money, as the result. Tonight the Washington Avenue will adjourn a bazaar which has been a feature since Thursday. The First Presbyterian church women will get on in operation Monday night to last for three days.

Next Friday night St. Mary's Episcopal church will be in the running with a Christmas sale. Tuesday night of next week there will be no church events in addition to the rest that while not a bazaar is still arranged partly with the view of bettering the financial condition of the church. This will be a social at the First Baptist church. On Thursday, December 19 the men of Christ Lutheran church will borrow their wives' white aprons and serve a sauerkraut and weiner supper at the church.

**The Inexpensive Christmas.**  
The truth about Xmas is that it usually costs too much. The things that we like to give as presents cost too much because we have so many friends. We can very easily come to your rescue with a beautiful but inexpensive list of Xmas Books. Why not a book. Might's Book Store. 116-11

The Charleroi Fish Market at 409 Fallowfield avenue received a fine Tanhauser feature at the Star on Tuesday. 116-12

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### LOCAL AGENCIES

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### BETTER HOUSING.

One of the greatest needs in social  
uplift is better housing and living  
conditions for the poor. This is ap-  
parent everywhere in this great  
Pittsburg industrial district, where  
real estate values were inflated by  
the boom conditions that built up  
many of the industrial towns and  
which formed the basis of value ever  
afterward. This has made rent and  
property exceedingly high, and this  
is responsible for the overcrowding  
and poor housing conditions under  
which people who earn small wages  
live. "The good God made the air  
so cheap, but man has made it dear."

Recently a social investigator made  
a tour of the slum district of one of  
the large cities, where housing con-  
ditions were at their worst, and put  
this question to the woman at the  
head of the house: "What would you  
do if your husband got an increase in  
his pay?" The question was asked of  
all types and nationalities, but the  
answer was invariably the same:  
"Have a better place to live." People  
who earn small wages can only get  
along by overcrowding, as none of  
them can afford to rent a single  
apartment or house alone. They live  
that way because they have to, not  
because they like that way of living.

In some of the European cities the  
municipality has bought property and  
built houses which it rents to working  
people at reasonable rates. It is  
realized that the poor housing con-  
ditions and overcrowding is responsible  
for the most of the vice and crime that  
exists in the large cities. For lack  
of a comfortable home the men seek  
the refuge of the saloon; the boys  
and girls take to the streets and later  
to the dance hall and other  
questionable resorts. The public has  
a responsibility in this, which is now  
being recognized, and efforts are be-  
ing made to provide proper housing  
condition for low wage earners. The  
country is a long way off yet from a  
proper standard of civilization, when  
as one writer remarks, "the three  
primitive industries, farming, build-  
ing and weaving, that have endured  
from the dawn of history have never  
yet been adequate to satisfy the  
needs of mankind." In spite of all  
the advances in civilization, millions  
of people still have insufficient food,  
shelter and clothing. One of the  
great problems of humanity is to cor-  
rect this deficiency.

## Our Moving Picture Show



### TWO REELS

#### Par I

The wedding guests were all there  
Awaiting the bride so fair.

But the bridegroom came not  
'Twas a sad and sorry lot,

That tried the great grief to repair.

#### Part II

But time brings revenges though late,  
And the villain could not escape fate;

He assumed a new name,

And tried the same game,

But was caught by a widow with eight.

Watch this space Monday !

### HELPING SANTA CLAUS

Postmaster General Hitchcock has  
issued an order to postmasters  
throughout the United States to deli-  
ver the thousands of letters which  
credulous children address through  
the mails to Santa Claus to the chari-  
table institutions which they know of  
and which are likely to pay attention  
to the requests of the little ones  
who, profiting for by experiences of  
the past, instinctively know that  
Santa Claus is likely to pass them by  
and hoping against hope, as a last  
resort make a personal appeal. In  
every city and large town are asso-  
ciations that look after poor children  
and endeavor to give to those who  
get none at home some degree of the  
Christmas spirit and joy of the season.  
It is to these that Postmaster  
General Hitchcock instructs post-  
masters to deliver all Santa Claus  
letters that bear the proper postage.

This is a humane and charitable  
order. Nothing is more pathetic  
than the appeals of little children  
who "long before they know who  
Santa Claus wuz," and fearful of  
past experiences, appeal to the pa-  
tron Saint of the season through the  
mails. There should be some associa-  
tion in every town to look after the  
Santa Claus letters, and the Mail  
suggests that all such addressed to the  
jovial Saint in Charleroi, be handed  
to the Associated Board of Charities.  
This board can sift out those that  
make the appeals and refer many of  
them to their respective Sunday  
schools, which in most cases give  
some sort of a Christmas treat to  
their scholars. Those who have no  
such affiliations can be taken care of  
in some way individually, as Charleroi  
has enough charitably inclined and  
warm hearted people to help play the  
role of Santa Claus in all worthy  
cases.

### ELECTRIC SPARKS

Let us hope for a safe and sane  
Christmas.

Andy Carnegie didn't want his  
pension arrangements to apply to Col.  
Roosevelt. That's a good thing to  
remember.

That Ithaca student who demon-  
strated it was possible to live on 85  
cents a week is a candidate for the  
chair of political economy.

Sometimes people carry violin  
cases who are not musicians.

A minister in Indiana had his suit  
case and a sermon stolen. He's the  
second man we know of to be injured  
in the speech this year.

In Cambridge, Mass., a society has  
been formed to put bands on the legs  
of wild birds. Doubtless the first op-  
eration will be to put salt on their  
tails.

Obituary notice: "She skated on  
thin ice."

### She Couldn't Elope.

A German bird was my Ophelia.  
Who for looks had it on sweet Bedelia;  
But the size of her feet  
Brought nought-but defeat,  
When a young man started to steal.

—Taken by Force.

According to government statistics  
more bachelors than married men are  
insane. Jokes about married men  
are herewith declared off.

If the rabbits would only have had  
sense enough to sit still and let the  
hunters pepper away at them there  
would have been fewer mortalities  
to report among them.

"I saw a moose," declares a hunter  
back from the Maine woods. Just so  
he doesn't argue he saw "meese" he  
will be believed.

### PICKED UP IN PASSING

In the December American Maga-  
zine appears an interesting little ar-  
ticle entitled "Kicking And the Good  
Of It." In the first place the author  
tells about a man who compelled the  
postmaster in his town to sell post-  
age stamps with the gum side up.  
There is a rule in the postoffice de-  
partment requiring this. The point is  
that is postage stamps are handed  
out gum side down they are likely to  
accumulate filth and germs.

"There are two kinds of kickers,"  
the author goes on to say: "those  
who kick dispassionately for justice  
because they are good citizens. If,  
through a little carelessness or irri-  
tation on your part, you receive dis-  
courteous treatment from an over-  
worked and nervous public service  
employee who is nagged by an im-  
patient public many hours every day  
you place yourself for the time being  
in the first category and do more  
harm than good. If, however, you  
notice an indisputable piece of injustice  
to yourself and others—an evident ex-  
ample of many similar ones—and are  
willing to take the time and trouble  
to bring the matter dispassionately to  
the attention of the proper authorities  
you join the second category and are  
doing an act of good citizenship.

"Do not argue with another's em-  
ployee. He is hired by somebody  
else, and you have no authority over  
him. Do not wrangle with a hotel  
servant, or shop clerk, or car conduc-  
tor. You will only make things un-  
pleasant and get the worst of the en-  
counter. If you allow yourself to be-  
come angry over the incident don't do  
anything until the next day and then  
do not say to yourself 'Oh, well, what's  
the use?' and forget about it.

"Write briefly and courteously to  
the highest possible authority, the  
head of the firm whose accounting de-  
partment persistently muddles your  
accounts, the general passenger agent  
of the railroad whose brakeman is  
habitually offensive, the president of  
the telegraph company whose local  
office frequently delays delivering  
your messages; do not give opinions;  
advice, nor make angry comments;  
merely state the facts, specifically and  
accurately. He will see the point,  
once and he doesn't need your advice,  
as he knows his own business better  
than you do. And he will be grateful  
to you, because he cannot possibly  
know every little detail, but he  
wants those details right."

### TROUBLES OF THE EAR.

Many of Them Are Caused by Abuses  
of Some Kind.

The best way to cure for the ear is  
to study the things not to do. It is one  
of the most independent of organs,  
knowing very well how to take care of  
itself. If it is duly respected little  
trouble or none will result. In cases  
where something unforeseen goes  
wrong a physician should be consulted  
at once.

Almost all troubles of the ear are due  
to abuses of some kind. The wax  
seems to worry a great many people,  
and in their concern they usually man-  
age to seriously interfere with its  
functions. In the healthy ear the wax,  
or cerumen, is a thin yellowish fluid  
that thickens into a paste as it dries.  
Nature provides for its natural exit  
from the ear passage by unlatching it with  
the tiny flakes of dead skin which fall  
outward unnoticed either by seeing or  
feeling. Thus wax does not accumu-  
late in a healthy ear, which has just  
enough to make sticky the stiff little  
hairs that grow in the passage.

Instruments should never be poked  
into the ear by the inexperienced nor  
wads of material continually mopped  
and squeezed into the opening for  
cleansing. Usually such treatment in-  
duces an increase or caking of wax.  
Hot water is the best solvent for wax,  
105 to 115 degrees F. If the need of it  
is imperative gently syringe the ear  
with it. Cotton plugs in the ear are  
useful at times, but should be used no  
more than absolutely necessary, for  
they obstruct the canal and interfere  
with the natural way of casting off  
wax.—Exchange.

### THE SUN AS AN ARTIST.

Discovery Upon Which Turn All the  
Wonders of Photography.

There is a wide variety in the pace  
at which the sun can give a color or  
change it. A winter apple may be a  
month in reaching its ruddiness, a  
peach may take only one week to flush  
into its mantle of maturity, but the  
most nimble work of the solar ray in  
its decoration of fruit and flower is not  
to be compared with what it accom-  
plishes in other departments. When its  
power was brought to bear upon some  
familiar chemicals it was found that  
its action was reduced from days to  
seconds.

Upon this discovery turn all the won-  
ders of photography. At first silver  
nitrate—or bromide, as it was  
commonly called—was used in the cam-  
era. From time to time other sen-  
sitives of greater and greater sensi-  
tiveness to light have been produced,  
every one of them successively giving  
the solar beam a wider play and more  
astounding power.

Today, with the exposure of a photo-  
graphic plate, not only are the beatings  
of an insect's wings caught in the cam-  
era, but also the path of a cannonball,  
the skyward flight of exploded rock,  
and the sinuous glint of lightning.—  
Chicago Record-Herald.

### Laugh and Live Long.

It has been aptly said that there is  
not the remotest corner of the inlet of  
the minute blood vessels of the human  
body that does not feel some wavelet  
from the convulsions occasioned by  
good hearty laughter. The life princi-  
ple of the central man is shaken to its  
innermost depths, sending new rides of  
life and strength to the surface, thus  
materially tending to insure good  
health to the persons who indulge  
therein. The blood moves more rapidly  
and conveys a different impression to  
all the organs of the body as it visits  
them on that particular mystic journey  
when the man is laughing from that  
conveyed at other times. For this rea-  
son every good, hearty laugh in which  
a person indulges tends to lengthen his  
life, conveying as it does new and dis-  
tinct stimulus to the vital forces.

### What Wellington Was Doing.

When Sir John Steell, the sculptor,  
had the Iron Duke sitting for a statue  
he tried to induce him to look warlike.  
All his efforts were in vain, however.  
For Wellington seemed, judging by his  
face, never to have heard of Waterloo  
or Talavera. At last Sir John lost his  
patience. "As I am going to make this  
statue of your grace," he exclaimed,  
"can you not tell me what you were  
doing before say, the battle of Sala-  
manca? Were you not galloping about  
the field, cheering on your men to  
deeds of valor by words and action?"  
"Bah!" said the duke in evident  
scorn. "If you really want to model  
me as I was on the morning of Sala-  
manca, then do me crawling along a  
ditch on my stomach with a telescope  
in my hand!"

### Suspicious Fervor.

"Well, brother," said the deacon.  
"That was a fine prayer you made last  
night."  
"Thank you, deacon. I am very glad  
to hear you say so."  
"Yes, it was a splendid prayer, long  
and fervent. And, say, what have you  
been doing anyway? You can confide  
in me with the utmost confidence. I  
wouldn't betray you for anything in  
the world."—Chicago Record-Herald

### Willing.

"Now," began the philosopher, "take  
the life of your neighbor, for instance  
He."  
"I'd do it in a minute," interrupted  
the practical man. "If the law would  
not interfere He's learning to play  
the cornet."

### Chocolate.

Do not take time to grate chocolate.  
Put the desired amount in a saucepan  
and place over the top of a boiler  
until melted.



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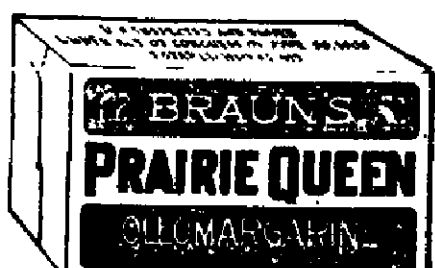
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### THE MIGHTY ONION.

A Tribute to This Vegetable With an  
Artistic Temperament.

Kill the onion and you leave a gap in  
the universe. Kill anything else and  
there is a substitute. The potato is  
skin to the cereals; squash and cab-  
bage and turnips and cauliflower are  
of the same family; beans are elongat-  
ed peas; the lemon is a pessimistic  
orange, beef reincarnated grass, water-  
melons just the survivor of a very fit  
cucumber, and so on.

But the onion is sui generis, alone,  
unique, triumphant. It is a special  
creation to tempt the palate of a weary  
world.

The onion proves the futility of  
man's wisdom. He might have guessed  
at everything else under the sun, but  
he would have never guessed an  
onion. Science may deduce a new star  
before it becomes visible or radium  
before its discovery, but this suc-  
cent, starchy vegetable would have gone  
uninvented forever had not its own in-  
sinuating yet not bashful qualities  
forced themselves into tear brimmed  
eyes and liquefied anticipatory lips.

With what a mixture of gratitude  
and awe should we view the spectacle  
of nature turning her energies to the  
transmuting of mere clay into a vege-  
table with an artistic temperament!—  
Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### HELD BY A COBRA.

Agony of a Prisoner in a Military Jail  
in India.

In the military cantonments of In-  
dia the punishment cells, which are  
about fourteen feet high by twelve  
feet square, stand separately. There  
are no windows, but one side is a  
grille, the iron bars being about five  
inches apart.

On one occasion when a private was  
confined in one of them a large cobra,  
one of the most deadly reptiles in In-  
dia, crawled between the bars and  
wriggled on to the bed to get warmth.  
It curled upon the prisoner's chest, and  
he was just about to turn over when,  
feeling the unusual weight, he saw  
the snake's glittering eyes staring into  
his face. He dared not move, so he  
had to lie in that position for four  
hours.

At 8 o'clock, when the sergeant went  
his rounds, he saw the position the  
prisoner was in and went for a long  
stick. With another soldier he en-  
tered the cell, and they drove the snake  
into a corner, where they killed it.  
The colonel released the prisoner, as  
he thought he had suffered enough  
punishment in the terrible experience  
he had gone through. The man's hair  
had turned white with the mental  
strain which he had endured.—London  
Standard

### A Good Excuse.

After the Duke of Wellington's vic-  
torious campaigns the University of  
Oxford complimented the duke him-  
self and his principal officers by con-  
ferring upon them the honorary and  
not very appropriate degree of doctor  
of civil laws. At that time the laws  
were heavy, and one of the distinguished  
soldiers who had gathered more  
honor than profit in the wars, declined  
the proffered degree in the following  
verse:

Oxford, I know you wish me well,  
But please let me be  
I can't alas be D. C. L.  
For want of a sword.

### Mermaids.

All the world over there are legends  
about mermaids. The Chinese tell  
stories not unlike others about the sea  
woman of their southern seas. Man  
kind is taught on the most excellent  
evidence that a mermaid was captured  
at Bangor, on the shores of the Ber-  
fast lough, in the sixth century, while  
another caught at Edam in 1403 was  
carried to Haarlem and kept there for  
many years.

### Logical.

"John, dear, why are some women  
called Amazons?"  
"Well, my dear, you remember our  
geographers said the Amazon has the  
largest mouth?"  
But she went out and slammed the  
door before he could say any more.  
—London Mail

Makes the Most of It.  
"What sort of a chap is he?"  
"Well, after a beggar has touched  
him for a dime he'll tell you he 'gave  
a little dinner to an aw-stance'—  
etc."—Lippincott's

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ward lines. The Red Cross  
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fectly correct in every detail  
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est leathers and fabrics—your  
style is sure to be among  
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the difference this shoe makes.  
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Oxfords \$3.50 and \$4.



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CHARLEROI, PA.

### Curious Geological Shiftings.

Although in the geological past vast  
changes of level occurred on the bor-  
ders and even in the center of conti-  
nents, it is a debated question whether  
at present similar elevations and  
subsidence can be detected. The fre-  
quently repeated statement that the  
coasts of Massachusetts and New Jer-  
sey are perceptibly sinking has been  
often disputed, the apparent subsi-  
dence being ascribed to simple changes  
of shore line. Nevertheless some cu-  
rious records kept in Europe seem to  
indicate that actual fluctuations of the  
level of the land may occasionally be  
observed. In the valley of the Main  
a church tower hidden behind a moun-  
tain screen has since 1861 gradually  
risen into plain view from the chateau  
of Strossendorf, and still farther in the  
same direction another church  
tower, which began to be visible from  
Strossendorf eighty years ago, is now  
clearly seen above the horizon and is  
said to rise higher as time goes on.  
Similar records exist in Bohemia, in  
Switzerland, in Spain and in the  
French Jura.—Harper's

### An English Billion.

In England a billion is a million  
times a million. This is quickly writ-  
ten and quicker still pronounced, but  
no man is able to count it. You will  
count 100 or 170 a minute, but let us  
suppose that you go up as high as 200  
a minute, hour after hour. At that  
rate you would count 12,000 an hour,  
288,000 a day or 105,120,000 in a year.  
Let us suppose now that Adam, at the  
beginning of his existence, had begun  
to count, had continued to do so and  
was counting still. Had such a thing  
been possible he would not yet have  
finished the task of counting a billion.  
To count a billion would require a per-  
son to count 200 a minute for a period  
of 9,512 years 542 days 5 hours 20  
minutes, provided that he should count  
continuously. But suppose we allow  
the counter twelve hours daily for  
rest, eating and sleeping. Then he  
would need 19,024 years 519 days 10  
hours 45 minutes in which to complete  
the task.



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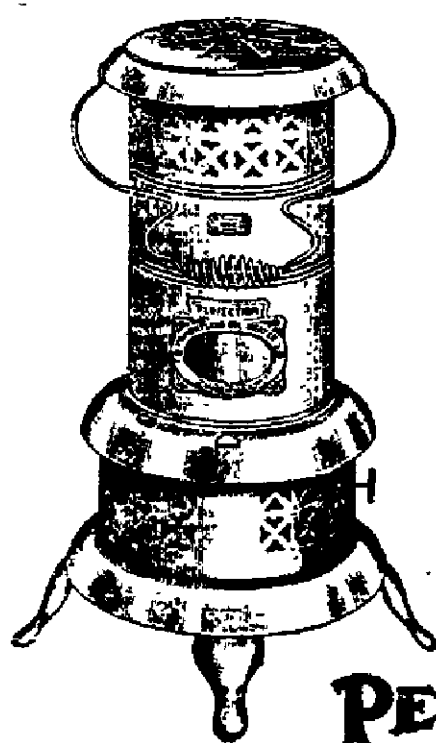
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## MUTTON BIRDS IN MILLIONS.

Armies of Them Blacken New Zealand's Sky Every Spring.

Yearly, at the coming of spring, the thousand coastal islands of New Zealand, more especially those lying toward the south, become the temporary homes of myriads of mutton birds, which pay a visit for the nesting season. Out of the silence of the great southern ocean come the birds in vast armies. Low flying over the water, for the most part close in shore, the huge flocks draw dark parallels of shadow across the seascape. The birds fly in separate bands, disciplined and massed in a serried whole—a continuous stream that passes between sea and sky. Each army shows a front of perhaps a quarter of a mile, the huge length stretching away leagues after leagues into interminable distance.

Stand on the brow of some coastal headland and watch the passage of one of these bird armies. It is a wonderful sight. Far below one looks down on a heaving floor of close packed, undulating black backs. It is by a myriad scintillations of white tipped wings. So close is the floor, so serried the ranks of the fliers, that the water beneath is hidden as with a carpet.

Hour after hour the passage of the army continues, from dawn till dark and far into the night. In the night the noise of countless beating wings that surges up over the cliff head tells that the army is still on the move till the whir of wings and cries of the rear guard beating up the stragglers grow faint in the distance and one realizes that at last the mighty host has passed on its way.—Wide World Magazine.

## DISMAL ENGLISHMEN.

Despair Over the State of the Country Becoming Chronic.

Dr. Forbes Ross, a well known London physician, says that England is "drifting toward the day when the average Englishman's face will be that of the typical criminal." He believes, says a correspondent of the New York Sun, that "the better classes of England cannot keep pace with the fearful stress of taxation and other burdens imposed upon them and are therefore being wiped out. In other words, modern legislation . . . is replacing the better classes by a mixture of sheep and wild beasts and the nation is being propagated by those retaining primordial qualities and the primitive instinct and the average Englishman at this rate will soon have a depraved gorilla countenance."

Despair over the state of the country is almost a national characteristic of the English. They are never so happy as when they are being gloomy about themselves. Any copy of any English paper will show that the English people are going to the demerit bowwows. The English addiction to patent medicines is another evidence of this general tendency to low spirits. Other nations see nothing in particular the matter with the English. They seem to outsiders to be doing fairly well as nations go. What they really need is a course of mental science and practice in the cheerful point of view.

## The Danes and Britain.

John Ackworth, an English dialect novelist, who made a special study of the dialects of Lancashire, Yorkshire, the east coasts and also of the Danes, shows that the Danes by their early landings and sojournings in England have influenced the language of the east coasts of Britain to an extraordinary degree and that the Danes and the British in spite of apparent differences are one practically in speech and language as well as in the relationship of blood. "So strong is the English of the east coasts of England impregnated with Danish," John Ackworth once said, "that I am sure that if a fisherman from the east coasts of England were to be wrecked on the shores of Denmark and he would only speak in his true native dialect that fisherman would be able to make himself understood."

## Hence the Lemons.

"How in the name of goodness did you come to buy so many lemons when I told you plainly to get only one dozen?" complained Mrs. Writts to her new Scandinavian maid.

"Well," answered Hedvig slowly, "you told me to get a dozen. So I don't speak dass English well, so Ay thought you sayed two dozen. So Ay told de grocery man, an' Ay don't speak de English very well, so he thought Ay sayed tree dozen. So he tells it to his boy, but his boy has a Irish, and he gets four dozen. Oot's y' Ah have getting five dozen lemons. Ain't dey keep?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## In For It.

"Always eat the skin of the fruit," ordered the doctor. "The skin contains essentials that you need."

"That may be, doc, but I know I'm going to get my throat all scratched up the first time I try to eat a pineapple with it's skin on."—Washington Herald.

## All Luck, For Sure.

"Oh, papa, see these lovely opals! I don't believe opals are unlucky. Do you?"

"It will be very unlucky for you if you take a fancy to a high priced one. Ethelinda. You won't get it."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## The Proper Way.

"When you leave on the train," said the young man fearfully, "I will throw you a kiss."

"But," rejoined the girl, "don't you know that it isn't polite to throw things at people? You should always give them."—Exchange.

## MAN'S ARTERIES.

And Some of the Causes That Tend to Make Them Harden.

"A man is as old as his arteries" is a common saying among physicians, which has come to be taken up by their patients. Dr. Herbert C. Clapp of Boston in the New York Medical Record comes forward with an article declaring that worry is a common cause of arteriosclerosis, the hardening of the arteries is not infrequently considered as one of the customary and proper accompaniments of a ripe old age—sometimes even of middle life. It is not universally so and that even at fourscore years, as proved by autopsies, the arteries have been found to be perfectly sound. He cites the case of the champion old man, Thomas Parr of England, who died at the advanced age of 152 and whose arteries were found by Harvey—who discovered the circulation of the blood—on examination after death to be perfectly sound.

Dr. Clapp says that within certain limits the arteries do not harden because they are old, but are old because they are diseased. Among causes for arteriosclerosis he gives overeating, excessive muscular strain and excessive brain work. Worry produces functional disturbances and undue blood pressure. This brings with it arteriosclerosis. He holds that most worries are indulged in without an adequate reason, therefore, and cites the following quotation: "I am an old man and have had many troubles, but most of them never happened."

## POPPING CORN.

Why the Heat Literally Turns the Grains Inside Out.

A grain of popcorn is filled with tightly packed starch grains. The interior of the grain is divided into a large number of cells, each of which may be likened to a tiny box, the walls whereof are sufficiently strong to withstand considerable pressure from within. Upon the application of heat the moisture present in each little box is converted into steam that finally escapes by explosion.

To obtain a satisfactory popping there is required a very high degree of heat. This causes the greater part of the cells to explode simultaneously. The grain of corn then literally turns inside out and is transformed into a relatively large mass of snow white starch.

If corn be old and dry it will not pop satisfactorily. A few cells near the center of the grain may burst, but the general result will be unsatisfactory. At the base of the kernels, where they are attached to the cob, the cells appear to be dried, and it has been observed that these cells are seldom broken in the popping.

Practically all the popcorn raised for market in this country comes from New England. Great quantities of it are popped, buttered and packed for sale all over the United States.—Harper's Weekly.

## An Offer Declined.

Dr. Portal, the favorite medical attendant of Louis XVIII. of France, was offered an unusual reward for his services. Having cured Vestrils of a severe illness, the famous dancing master said to him: "My dear doctor, I should never dream of offering you money. Between artists there can be no dealings except those of gratitude. To demonstrate mine, I will give you a valuable hint as to your deportment. I have often noticed that you have a most ungraceful way of carrying yourself. I can remedy that in a few lessons and teach you how to enter a sick room in such a way as to please the most exacting patient. We can begin now if you like." Much to the amazement of Vestrils, Portal declined this offer and so lost the esteem of his illustrious patient.

## Top Buttonhole of a Coat.

The buttonhole in one's coat does not owe its origin to the once universally worn flower, but to our ancestors' habit of buttoning their coats right up to the neck. Fashion changed, the coat was turned back, forming what the tailor calls the "lapel," and the buttonhole was utilized for the flower, which old portraits tell us was before this time tucked into the waistcoat near the waist, or if a belt were worn, in the belt. The primitive use of the buttonhole is still seen in the overcoat, which has a companion button on the other side for use in rough weather.—London Chronicle.

## Plaster Casts.

Those who have plaster casts that they wish to preserve may protect them from dust by brushing them with a preparation of white wax and white soap, half a teaspoonful of each dissolved in a quart of rain or other soft water. Use when cold, and when they are dried the casts may be wiped with a damp cloth without injury. To harden casts brush with a strong solution of alum water and brush with white wax dissolved in turpentine. Put the cast in a warm place to dry after using the latter, and it will have a look not unlike that of old ivory.

## Had to Creep.

"Why do you say 'A bluish creep' over the face of the fair plaintiff?" asks the editor.

"Because," explains the society editor, "there was so much powder on her face the bluish had to creep or else it would 'else too much dust!'"

## The Clever Ones.

Origins—Some men are born great, others achieve greatness. Brigs—Yes; and others simply have the trick of making other people think they're great.

## AMONG THE THEATRES

### THE COYLE-CHARLEROI.

Beginning with the great three reel sensational feature, "Tracked by Wireless," Monday, the Coyle Theatre preserved its reputation for progressiveness in high grade attractions for the week. Two Eclairs during the week. "For the Honor of the Firm" and "Their Children's Approval," had the usual human interest and heart gripping situations. Two Imps, with King Baggoat in the first, "Officer 174," and "Oleo the Hypnotist," the latter of which is on the closing bill Saturday, shows the strong nature of the repertoire. There were also two Bison films on the week's calendar, which supply wild west thrills so much appreciated by local audiences. "A Cowboy's Leap Year," a Powers film, shows a man's fear of a widow and his subsequent haste to marry her. "Camping Out" was a merry tale of the mishaps of campers, and the 40 scenes showed some remarkably funny situations. "Lighting Love's Way" was a tragic lighthouse story, where so many such scenes are enacted on the dreary coast where the lights are located. "Lady Leone," in two reels, is a brilliant royalty drama, in which Florence Lawrence is at her best, and this is one of the special features of the week. Saturday's bill is the two reel Bison, "The Tribal Law," and the Imp film, "Oleo the Hypnotist."

### THE PALACE-CHARLEROI.

With a graphic presentation of the old-time classic, "The Decameron" of Boccaccio, in which three of the most lively tales were presented, the Palace Theatre has had another topline week in the way of attractions, which has been augmented by the reappearance of the famous orchestra. This has had the effect of attracting the music lovers to whom the orchestra was one of the chief features. "A Letter to the Princess," which was the fifth of a series of "What Happened to Mary," in which the eminent actress Mary Fuller stars. The plot concerned some international diplomatic events, and showed how a woman could outwit some of the skill and unscrupulous governmental spies of Europe. "The Informer" was a civil war Biograph film in which a stay at home brother betrays his own brother into the hands of the enemy who is serving his country and wounded seeks the refuge of the home of his sweetheart, whom the stay-at-home is trying to win. "The Moth in the Flame" was beautiful three reel modern European drama, in which the rapid life of the wealthy is most vividly pictured, was also a striking feature of the week, while the Pathe Weekly gave some most interesting pictorial events.

### THE STAR-CHARLEROI.

With at thrilling three reel Key Bee film as the week's feature, followed by an original two reel Bison Friday, the Star Theatre had a most attractive repertoire this week. "Capt. Ben's Yarn," "The Best Man Wins," and a double picture Keystone, "The Ambitious Butler" and "The Flirting Husband," was the Monday's bill, and it was followed Tuesday by the three reel Kay Bee, "The Invaders." This was one of the best pictures of Indian warfare ever shown. The massacre of a surveying outfit was a little too realistic to be viewed with comfort. The burning of telegraph poles, the attack on the fort and the young lieutenant's dash for help were admirably handled. Other strong single films were "The Way of the Transgressor," "The High Cost of Living," "Love and War," "The Story of the Savage Modock Mine," and "How Jack Won Out." "The Colonel's Ward," the two reel Bison, is an Indian story of the wild west in which a colonel finds an infant girl baby that has survived an Indian slaughter. He rears the infant as his own daughter, but when she grows up she figures in a series of events that have a tragic ending. Saturday's bill has a Gaumont Weekly, which contains a picture of Roosevelt's would be assassin.

### THE ALVIN-PITTSBURG.

"Little Miss Brown" demure and captivating, with winsome Madge Kennedy in the titular role, comes to the Alvin, next week. When compared with other farcical offerings, there is much about the general get-up of this laughing digression that is laudable. William A. Brady, the manager, whose keen judgment always serves him in good stead when deciding on the merit of a manuscript regards "Little Miss Brown" one of the most wholesome theatrical offerings that he has ever had the pleasure of launching. "Little Miss Brown," no matter what else she may or may not be, is fresh, fascinating and original, and pronounced by New York critics to be worth at least, a score of French and German

farces rolled into one. Madge Kennedy and William Morris head the cast, surrounded by a quota of polished farceurs who send the lines and situations along swimmingly. Many conventional type peculiar to hotel life color the action, and a partial list of the Company's roster includes such well known entertainers as Richard Taber, Charles Stanley, Theresa Deagle, Rae Bowden, Douglass Jones, Tom Lemonier, Elsie Hitz, Josephine Williams, Oliver Harper Thorne, George Pouncefort, John Bowers and others. The original cast and production will be presented at this performance.

### The Usual Kind.

On Jimmie's birthday, his uncle gave him a knife. His mother told him he ought to give his uncle a penny so that it would not cut their friendship. "Oh, well," rejoined Jimmie, "it won't cut anything else, so I guess it won't cut our friendship."—Chicago News.

### Never Had a Chance.

"Why have you never run for office?" asked the reporter. "Well," said the wealthy citizen, "when I was younger I was too poor to make a campaign, now that I am rich I don't dare to."—Detroit Free Press.

### A Mean Question.

Wedding - Today is the tenth anniversary of my marriage. Singleton—Well, what do you expect? Wedding—Which do I expect? Singleton—Yes; congratulations or sympathy?

### Hopeless.

"Tom has proposed and asks me to give him his answer in a letter." "Shall you do it?" "No. I will be more liberal and give him his answer in two letters."

### Good Beginning.

Mrs. Ex. is Mrs. Youngbride a good housekeeper. Mrs. Wye. Well, when I dropped in on her she was trying to make bread in a chafing dish. Boston Transcript.

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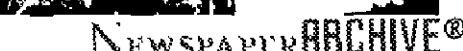
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## THREE TOWNS TO BE SUPPLIED WITH WATER FROM LOCAL PLANT

Big Mains Connecting  
up Charleroi, Monessen and Donora Ready  
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Laid Across River

Important Bit of Engineering  
Work Concluded—New  
Equipment Installed at  
Pump Station

Within another week the boroughs of Monessen and Donora will be supplied with water through the Charleroi plant of the Tri Cities' Water company. The forepart of next week the pipes will be connected up and water turned in. Two 16-inch mains have been laid across the river at North Charleroi, being imbedded four feet deep in the bottom of the river.

The Dravo Construction company had the contract of laying the mains across the river. The mains were laid down Thirteenth street to the river. From that point they were stretched at an angle of about 22 degrees across to Wireton.

To imbed the pipes in the river expert engineering was required. The four foot ditches were dug with a steam shovel. Then pieces of pipe 200 feet long were placed on a carrier between two barges and lowered. Connections were made and joints gasketed by divers. This part of the work is yet to be finished and tested. If found all right the service will be opened the first part of the week. The Dravo Construction company has been working on the laying of the pipes across the river for about five weeks.

With the new service the two Charleroi reservoirs, the two Monessen supply tanks, one of which is on the hill and one down town, and the two supply tanks at Donora will be utilized. There is in use a 12-inch supply main across the river connecting Monessen and Donora, this having been laid and put into operation about two years ago.

A direct system of pumping will be effective. All the loose ends of mains in Charleroi have been connected up and there will be a continual flow of water through all streets towards Monessen. The excess supply of water will work its way to the Charleroi reservoirs. The supply to Donora will go through Monessen. Float valves are to be used on the supply tanks at both Monessen and Donora to prevent these tanks from becoming overcharged through the Charleroi reservoir.

It required the installation of considerable costly machinery at the Charleroi pump station and filtration plant to make the tri-borough arrangement possible. A new high pressure pump with a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons daily and a four million gallon low service pump were installed in addition to the two already in place. Four new filters were placed in addition to the six installed when the filtration plant was built. This will give the plant a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons of a water a day at a fair average. The pumping station (Continued on fourth page)

## CHURCH FEDERATION COMMITTEES NAMED

County Interdenominational Organization Gets  
Work Under Systematic Arrangements—  
Urge Sunday Observance

The Washington County Church Federation got affairs on a good working basis when on Thursday at a meeting at Washington they named committees and set them to their respective duties. Plans for the various branches of the federation work were discussed but particular attention was given to the work of the temperance committee, which is headed by W. W. Hunter of Buffalo. This committee was authorized to appeal to all the churches for financial aid and was given also free rein in outlining the plans for its campaign.

The chairmen of the committees, which were put on a working basis at Thursday's meeting are as follows: Sabbath observance, R. W. Knox,

Washington; temperance, W. W. Hunter, Buffalo; social service, the Rev. H. N. Cameron, Washington; social purity, the Rev. A. M. Guttery, Washington; finance, John H. Murdoch, Washington; boys' work, Prof. R. G. Dean, Monongahela. The county and home missions committee includes representatives of each denomination.

The officers of the inter-church federation are the Rev. George C. Shepard, Washington, president; the Rev. J. S. Jewell, Washington, recording secretary; the Rev. C. L. McKee, Washington; corresponding secretary; N. R. Baker, Washington, treasurer. The vice-presidents include representatives of the various denominations included in the county.

## CHARLEROI BAKERIES MAINTAIN GOOD SANITARY CONDITIONS

Deputy Factory Inspector  
James R. Patterson Makes  
Inspection Here

Visits the Factories

Deputy Factory Inspector James R. Patterson was in Charleroi Friday, inspecting factory conditions. He reported things here in excellent shape, and stated that he found the laws complied with generally with a ready compliance to any recommendations for the safety of employees. He stated that he very seldom finds violations of the child labor laws in his district, as the records kept by the school principals and superintendents make it extremely difficult to evade the law in getting employment certificates. He also paid Charleroi the compliment of saying the town has the most sanitary bakeries of any community in his district.

## SHIPMENT OF COAL AT LOCK NO. 5 SHORT

Lock No. 5 made a poor showing compared to that of Lock No. 4 in the November coal trade, the shipments through it being but 4,002,000 bushels of coal. There were 12,000 bushels of sand and 89,000 bushels of gravel shipped. Lock No. 5 is at Brownsville. It is south of many of the largest river shipping coal mines.

The Ladies of the First Presbyterian church will hold a Bazaar on the evening of December 9 and all day and evening of December 10 and 11, at 517 McKean avenue. Fine line of fancy work. All kinds of homemade cakes, pies and candy. 115-18

## WAR IN MEXICO COSTLY

S. E. Rodgers Writes  
Concerning Affairs  
of Revolution

CHIEF OF POLICE

Samuel Rodgers, a former Fallowfield township boy who is now superintendent of a big ranch for the Lake Chapala Agricultural and Improvement company at Guanajuato, Mexico, writes his mother, Mrs. Sarah Rodgers, an interesting letter concerning agricultural and political conditions in that country. He states that he has just finished plowing 500 acres for wheat planting and has 350 acres already planted with the grain. He also states that he has plowed and planted 600 acres to garbanzo, a sort of a pea that is used for feeding stock. A banner crop he says is expected.

Regarding the political conditions of the country Mr. Rodgers says that it is estimated from the amount of money and ammunition expended in the present insurrection in Mexico that it has cost \$200 for every man killed and that it takes 20,000 shots to kill a man. He also estimates that it has cost Mexico some \$10,000,000 during the two years of the rebellion for killing Indians out of season. According to Mr. Rodgers some missionary work is imperative in Mexico, but he intimates that something more than prayer is needed, and urges the societies to keep up their funds.

## DISEASE SPREADS RAPIDLY

Roscoe Borough Authorities to Enforce Quarantine Law

EPIDEMIC IS FEARED

As the result of an epidemic of measles, resulting it is stated from the lack of proper quarantine, the borough of Roscoe is making a move towards the enforcement of the law that may result in the prosecution of a number of persons. Both the school board and council are taking the matter up and will work jointly in the enforcement of the quarantine and health laws. It is asserted that in a recent case of disease the children were permitted to mingle with other

## PROGRAM AT THE COYLE

The program for the week of December 9 is as follows:

Monday.	
Bewitched Bandbox	Milano
Open Road	Imp
Fight for Friendship	Nestor
Tuesday and Wednesday.	
Nat C. Goodwin in Oliver Twist, 5	
reels with lecture.	
Thursday.	
The Debt, 2 reels	Rex
Blackhand	Eclair
Friday.	
Was Mabel Cured	Victor
Her Yesterday	Powers
Shanghaied Cowboys	Nestor
Saturday.	
One of the Bravest	Imp
Half Breed Scout, 2 reels	Bison
A Photograph For Christmas.	
Of course everybody appreciates one. Babbitt's Studio. Open Sundays.	

## AN XMAS BARGAIN TO THE QUICK BUYER

We are offering an inducement to the quick buyer in the shape of a beautiful box of Xmas Stationery at 50c. This is an extremely large sized box of paper and envelopes with a very beautiful cover design. Just as nice as any dollar box we have ever offered in the past.

A box of Initial Stationery with the monogram embossed in gold would make a very appropriate gift. Price, 50c.

Watch for our special in Dressed Dolls. Big Bargains.

The best values in town in Penny Post Cards. Large line of Violins, Mandolins, Guitars and Music Balls.

Bring the children to Might's Toyland. Why not buy a Safety Razor or Fountain Pen?

Why Not Books for Xmas?

Get a copy of Mother's Footstool Stories, 25c.

Might's Book and Toy Store

## COKE OVENS TO BE BUILT AT MARIANNA

Contract Let for Construction of Over 400 of  
Most up-to Date Type---Railroad Plans  
to Straighten Railroad

NEED FIVE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL MEN

Contracts have been awarded for 438 new coke ovens of the latest improved models to be constructed once at Marianna. The tonnage of the Marianna mines must be increased 3,000 tons a day to meet the demand. The Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal company, which owns the Marianna mines is seeking 500 additional men. Sufficient orders have been received to keep the mines in operation for a year at the highest notch.

During the last few days contracts for 80,000 tons of coal were placed by the Cambria Steel company, an equal amount with the Clane Steel company of Philadelphia and E. W. Mudge & Co., while the Standard Steel

Car company have placed orders for their entire consumption and the company may increase the output.

The Rachel mines are the largest tonnage mines in the world and are capable of developing 10,000 tons daily but the mine has only been in operation about four years and it requires miles and miles of entry work to make elbow room for this enormous capacity which means about 300 railroad cars daily.

It is declared the railroad is considering the matter of straightening its lines out the Marianna branch in order that the long coal trains may be handled with greater dispatch and ease.

## LIVELY COMPETITION AMONG CHURCHES IN HOLDING BAAZARS

WILL MAKE FILL  
OF APPROACHES  
AND LET SETTLE

Approaches to the Belle Vernon-Speers bridge will be filled in with dirt and allowed to settle until spring, it is stated, when the brick will be laid. It has taken so long to get the work done that he structural contractor has been held up and is now clamoring for a chance to go to work so he can finish his part of the agreement. The bridge is to be kept open to foot passengers at all times.

REV. BASTIAN HOST  
AT VENISON DINNER

Rev. C. P. Bastian, pastor of Christ Lutheran church was host to the members of the official church board at a venison dinner Friday night. Rev. Bastian has recently returned from a hunting trip with his brother Dr. C. B. Bastian of Williamsport in Lycoming county, bringing with him a deer shot by his brother. The dinner was served at 7 o'clock.

The Ladies of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church will hold a Bazaar in the basement of the church Thursday evening, Dec. 5th and Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings, Dec. 6th and 7th. Also a market consisting of home-made pasteries and candies. 109-18

children and the contagion spread rapidly.

During the smallpox scare in the Monongahela valley a few years back it is charged that the lack of precaution among foreigners at Vesta who had the disease was the cause of it spreading so rapidly. Deaths occurred from this carelessness.

"Put Yourself in His Place," 2 reel Tanhauser feature at the Star on Tuesday. 116-12

Methodist Affair Closes as  
Presbyterians Get  
Started

MORE ARE YET TO COME

Among the most numerous things in Charleroi at the present time are church bazaars. One is either starting or closing nearly every day now, where Christmas presents have been or are to be purchased at prices somebody else will have to quote.

Friday night the ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church ended their annual bazaar, with \$200 in the treasury clear money, as the result. Tonight the Washington Avenue will adjourn a bazaar which has been a feature since Thursday. The First Presbyterian church women will get one in operation Monday night to last for three days.

Next Friday night St. Mary's Episcopal church will be in the running with a Christmas sale. Tuesday night of next week there will be two church events in addition to the rest that while not a bazaar is still arranged partly with the view of bettering the financial condition of the church. This will be a social at the First Baptist church. On Thursday, December 19 the men of Christ Lutheran church will borrow their wives' white aprons and serve a smorgasbord and weiner supper at the church.

The Inexpensive Christmas.

The truth about Xmas is that it usually costs too much. The things that we like to give as presents cost too much because we have so many friends. We can very easily come to your rescue with a beautiful but inexpensive list of Xmas Books. Why not a book. Might's Book Store. 116-11

The Charleroi Fish Market at 409 Fallowfield avenue received a fine lot of fresh rabbits this morning. 116-11

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Esch, Cashier.

## Increased Ambition



Young men who desire to be successful should not slacken in their pace to accomplish something worth while. As your income increases it is to your advantage to increase your deposits in the bank. New accounts are cordially invited.

Open Saturday Evenings from 8:00 to 9:00 o'clock  
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sertion.

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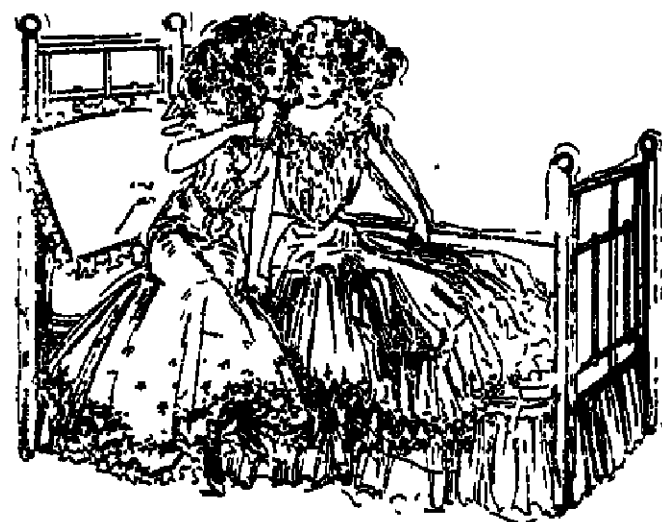
### BETTER HOUSING.

One of the greatest needs in social  
uplift is better housing and living  
conditions for the poor. This is ap-  
parent everywhere in this great  
Pittsburg industrial district, where  
real estate values were inflated by  
the boom conditions that built up  
many of the industrial towns and  
which formed the basis of value cre-  
ated afterward. This has made rent  
property exceedingly high, and this  
is responsible for the overcrowding  
and poor housing conditions under  
which people who earn small wages  
live. "The good God made the air  
so cheap, but man has made it dear."

Recently a social investigator made  
a tour of the slum district of one of  
the large cities, where housing con-  
ditions were at their worst, and put  
this question to the woman at the  
head of the house: "What would you  
do if your husband got an increase in  
his pay?" The question was asked  
of all types and nationalities, but the  
answer was invariably the same:  
"Have a better place to live." People  
who earn small wages can only  
along by overcrowding, as none of  
them can afford to rent a single  
apartment or house alone. They live  
that way because they have no other  
choice but that way of living.

In some of the European cities the  
municipality has bought property and  
built houses which it rents to working  
people at reasonable rates. It is  
realized that the poor housing con-  
ditions and overcrowding is responsible  
for the most of the vice and crime that  
exists in the large cities. For lack  
of a comfortable home the men seek  
the refuge of the saloon, the boys  
and girls take to the streets and later  
to the dance halls and other  
questionable resorts. The public has  
a responsibility in this, which is now  
being recognized, and efforts are be-  
ing made to provide proper housing  
condition for low wage earners. The  
country is a long way off yet from a  
proper standard of civilization, when  
as one writer remarks, "the three  
primitive industries, farming, build-  
ing and weaving, that have endured  
from the dawn of history have never  
yet been adequate to satisfy the  
needs of mankind." In spite of all  
the advances in civilization, millions  
of people still have insufficient food,  
clothing and shelter. One of the  
greatest problems of humanity is to cor-

## Our Moving Picture Show



### TWO REELS

#### Par I

The wedding guests were all there  
Awaiting the bride so fair.

But the bridegroom came not  
'Twas a sad and sorry lot.

That tried the great grief to repair.

#### Part II

But time brings revenges though late,  
And the villain could not escape fate;

He assumed a new name,  
And tried the same game,

But was caught by a widow with eight.

Watch this space Monday

### HELPING SANTA CLAUS

Postmaster General Hitchcock has  
issued an order to postmasters  
throughout the United States to de-  
liver the thousands of letters which  
credulous children address through  
the mails to Santa Claus to the chari-  
table institutions which they know of  
and which are likely to pay atten-  
tion to the requests of the little ones  
who, profiting for by experiences of  
the past, instinctively know that  
Santa Claus is likely to pass them by  
and hoping against hope, as a last  
resort, make a personal appeal in  
every city and large town are asso-  
ciations that look after poor children  
and endeavor to give to those who  
get none at home some degree of the  
Christmas spirit and joy of the sea-  
son. It is to these that Postmaster  
General Hitchcock instructs post-  
masters to deliver all Santa Claus  
letters that bear the proper postage.

This is a humane and charitable  
order. Nothing is more pathetic  
than the appeals of little children  
who "long before they know who  
Santa Claus wuz," and fearful of  
past experiences, appeal to the pa-  
tronic Saint of the season through the  
mails. There should be some associa-  
tion in every town to look after the  
Santa Claus letters, and the Mail  
suggests that all such addressed to the  
jovial Saint in Charleroi, be handed  
to the Associated Board of Charities.  
This board can sift out those that  
make the appeals and refer many of  
them to their respective Sunday  
schools, which in most cases give  
some sort of a Christmas treat to  
their scholars. Those who have no  
such affiliations can be taken care of  
in some way individually, as Charleroi  
has enough charitably inclined and  
warm hearted people to help play the  
role of Santa Claus in all worthy  
cases.

### ELECTRIC SPARKS

Let us hope for a safe and sane  
Christmas.

Andy Carnegie didn't want his  
pension arrangements to apply to Col.  
Roosevelt. That's a good thing to  
remember.

That Ithaca student who demon-  
strated it was possible to live on 85  
cents a week is a candidate for the  
chair of political economy.

Sometimes people carry violin  
cases who are not musicians.

A minister in Indiana had his suit  
case and a sermon stolen. He's the  
one who should be careful.

In Cambridge, Mass., a society has  
been formed to put bands on the legs  
of wild birds. Doubtless the first op-  
eration will be to put salt on their  
tails.

Obituary notice: "She skated on  
thin ice."

She Couldn't Elope.  
A German bride was my Ophelia.  
Who for looks had it on sweet Bedelia;  
But the size of her feet  
Brought nought but defeat.  
When a young man started to stealia,  
—Taken by Force

According to government statistics  
more bachelors than married men are  
insane. Jokes about married men  
are here with delayed effect.

If the world would only have a  
sense enough to sit still and let  
humans people away at them, they  
would have been fewer mortals.  
To report, among them.

"I saw a moose," declares a hunt-  
back from the Maine woods. Just so  
he doesn't argue he saw "meese" he  
will be believed.

### PICKED UP IN PASSING

In the December American Maga-  
zine appears an interesting little ar-  
ticle entitled "Kicking And the Good  
Of It." In the first place the author  
tells about a man who compelled the  
postmaster in his town to sell post-  
age stamps with the gum side up.  
There is a rule in the postoffice de-  
partment requiring this. The point is  
that postage stamps are handed  
out gum side down they are likely to  
accumulate filth and germs.

"There are two kinds of kickers,"  
the author goes on to say, "those  
who kick passionately for justice  
because they are good citizens. If,  
through a little carelessness or irri-  
tation on your part, you receive dis-  
courteous treatment from an over-  
worked and nervous public service  
employee who is nagged by an im-  
patient public many hours every day,  
you place yourself for the time being  
in the first category and do more  
harm than good. If, however, you  
notice an indisputable piece of injustice  
to yourself and others—an evident ex-  
ample of many similar ones—and are  
willing to take the time and trouble  
to bring the matter dispassionately to  
the attention of the proper authorities  
you join the second category and are  
doing an act of good citizenship.

"Do not argue with another's em-  
ployee. He is hired by somebody  
else, and you have no authority over  
him. Do not wrangle with a hotel  
servant, or shop clerk, or car conduc-  
tor. You will only make things un-  
pleasant and get the worst of the en-  
counter. If you allow yourself to be-  
come angry over the incident don't do  
anything until the next day and then  
do not say to yourself 'Oh well, what's  
the use?' and forget about it."

"Write briefly and courteously to  
the highest possible authority, the  
head of the firm whose accounting de-  
partment persistently muddles your  
accounts, the general passenger agent  
of the railroad whose brakeman is  
habitually offensive, the president of  
the telegraph company whose local  
office frequently delays delivering  
your messages; do not give opinions;  
advise, nor make angry comments,  
merely state the facts, specifically and  
accurately. He will see the point  
once and he doesn't need your advice,  
as he knows his own business better  
than you do. And he will be grateful  
to you, because he cannot possibly  
know every little detail, but he  
wants these details right."

### TROUBLES OF THE EAR.

Many of Them Are Caused by Abuses  
of Some Kind.

The best way to care for the ear is  
to study and think not to do it is one  
of the most independent of organs,  
knowing very well how to take care of  
itself. If it is duly respected little  
trouble or none will result. In cases  
where something unforeseen goes  
wrong a physician should be consulted  
at once.

Almost all troubles of the ear are due  
to abuses of some kind. The wax  
seems to worry a great many people,  
and in their concern they usually man-  
age to seriously interfere with its  
functions. In the healthy ear the wax,  
or cerumen, is a thin yellowish fluid  
that thickens into a paste as it dries.  
Nature provides for its natural exit  
from the ear passage by uniting it with  
the tiny flakes of dead skin which fall  
outward unnoticed either by seeing or  
feeling. Thus wax does not accumu-  
late in a healthy ear, which has just  
enough to make sticky the stiff little  
hairs that grow in the passage.

Instruments should never be poked  
into the ear by the inexperienced nor  
wads of material continually mopped  
and squeezed into the opening for  
cleansing. Usually such treatment in-  
duces an increase or caking of wax.

Hot water is the best solvent for wax.  
105 to 115 degrees F. If the need of it  
is imperative gently syringe the ear  
with it. Cotton plugs in the ear are  
useful at times, but should be used no  
more than absolutely necessary, for  
they obstruct the canal and interfere  
with the natural way of casting off  
wax—Exchange

### THE SUN AS AN ARTIST.

Discovery Upon Which Turn All the  
Wonders of Photography.

There is a wide variety in the pace  
at which the sun can give a color or  
change it. A winter angle may be a  
month in reaching its rudeness, a  
peach may take only one week to flush  
into its mantle of maturity, but the  
most nimble work of the solar ray in  
its decoration of fruit and flower is not  
to be compared with what it accom-  
plishes in other departments. When its  
power was brought to bear upon some  
familiar chemicals it was found that  
its action was reduced from days to  
seconds.

Upon this discovery turn all the won-  
ders of photography. At first alive  
with the sun's rays, as it was  
commonly called—was used in the cam-  
era. From time to time other sub-  
stances of greater and greater sensi-  
tiveness to light have been produced  
every one of them successively giving  
the solar beam a wider play and more  
astounding power.

Today, with the exposure of a photo-  
graphic plate, not only are the beatings  
of an insect's wings caught in the cam-  
era, but also the path of a cannonball  
the skyward flight of exploded rock  
and the sunspot of lightning—  
Chicago Record Herald

### Laugh and Live Long.

It has been aptly said that there is  
not the remotest corner of the inlet  
of the minute blood vessels of the human  
body that does not feel some wavelet  
from the convulsions occasioned by  
good hearty laughter. The life princi-  
ple of the central man is shaken to its  
innermost depths, sending new tides of  
life and strength to the surface, thus  
materially tending to insure good  
health to the persons who indulge  
therein. The blood moves more rapidly  
and conveys a different impression to  
all the organs of the body as it visits  
them on that particular mystic journey  
when the man is laughing from that  
conveyed at other times. For this rea-  
son every good, hearty laugh in which  
a person indulges tends to lengthen his  
life, conveying as it does new and dis-  
tinct stimulus to the vital forces.

### What Wellington Was Doing.

When Sir John Steel, the sculptor  
had the Iron Duke sitting for a statue  
he tried to induce him to look warlike.  
All his efforts were in vain, however.  
For Wellington seemed, judging by his  
face, never to have heard of Waterloo  
or Talavera. At last Sir John lost his  
patience. "As I am going to make this  
statue of your grace," he exclaimed  
"can you not tell me what you were  
doing before you were the Duke of Sala-  
manca? Were you not galloping about  
the field cheering on your men to  
deeds of valor by words and action?"  
"Bahl!" said the duke in evident  
surprise. "If you really want to model  
me as I was on the morning of Sala-  
manca, then do me crawling along a  
ditch on my stomach with a telescope  
in my hand."

### Suspicious Fervor.

"Well, brother," said the deacon.  
"That was a fine prayer you made last  
night."  
"Thank you, deacon. I am very glad  
to hear you say so."  
"Yes, it was a splendid prayer, long  
and fervent. And, say, what have you  
been doing anyway? You can confide  
in me with the utmost confidence. I  
wouldn't betray you for anything in  
the world."—Chicago Record-Herald

### Willing.

"Now," began the philosopher, "take  
the title of your biography, for instance  
He."  
"I'd do it in a minute," interrupted  
the practical man. "If the law would  
not interfere. He's learning to play  
the cornet."

### Chocolate.

Do not take time to grate chocolate.  
Put the desired amount in a saucepan  
and melt it over the heat of a moderate  
fire.



### IT'S A CURE! THAT'S SURE!

## Jones' Break-Up

## RHEUMATISM

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If you have Rheumatism (any form) get Jones'  
Break-Up, it will cure you as it has all others who  
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## "PRAIRIE QUEEN"

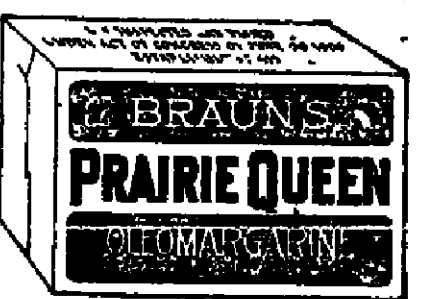
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### THE MIGHTY ONION.

A Tribute to This Vegetable With an  
Artistic Temperament.

Kill the onion and you leave a gap in  
the universe. Kill anything else and  
there is a substitute. The potato is  
akin to the cereals; squash and cab-  
bage and turnips and cauliflower are  
of the same family; beans are elongated  
peas; the lemon is a pessimistic  
orange, beef reincarnated grass, water  
melons just the survivor of a very fit  
cucumber, and so on.

But the onion is sui generis, alone,  
unique, triumphant. It is a special  
creation to tempt the palate of a weary  
world.

The onion proves the futility of  
man's wisdom. He might have guessed  
at everything else under the sun but  
he would have never guessed an onion.  
Science may deduce a new star  
before it becomes visible or radium  
before its discovery, but this suc-  
cumbent, starchy vegetable would have  
gone unperceived forever had not its own  
insinuating yet not brilliant qualities  
forced themselves into the brilliant  
eyes and liquid, anticipatory lips.

With what a mixture of gratitude  
and awe should we view the spectacle  
of nature turning her energies to the  
transmuting of mere clay into a vege-  
table with an artistic temperament!—  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

### HELD BY A COBRA.

Agony of a Prisoner in a Military Jail  
in India.

In the military cantonments of In-  
dia the punishment cells, which are  
about fourteen feet high by twelve  
feet square, stand separately. There  
are no windows, but one side is a  
grille, the iron bars being about five  
inches apart.

On one occasion when a private was  
confined in one of them a large cobra,  
one of the most deadly reptiles in In-  
dia, crawled between the bars and  
wriggled on to the bed to get warmth.  
It curled upon the prisoner's chest, and  
he was just about to turn over when,  
feeling the unusual weight, he saw  
the snake's glittering eyes staring into  
his face. He dared not move, so he  
had to lie in that position for four  
hours.

At 8 o'clock, when the sergeant went  
his rounds, he saw the position the  
prisoner was in and went for a long  
stick. With another soldier he entered  
the cell and they drove the snake  
into a corner where they killed it.  
The cobra released the prisoner, as  
he thought he had suffered enough  
punishment for the terrible experience  
he had gone through. The man's hair  
had turned white with the mental  
strain which he had endured.—London  
Standard

### A Good Excuse

After the Duke of Wellington's vic-  
torious campaign the University of  
Oxford complimented the duke him-  
self and his principal officers by con-  
fering upon them the honorary and  
not very appropriate degree of doctor  
of civil laws. At that time the two  
were hearty and one of the distinguished  
soldiers who had gathered under  
him, then profit in the wars declined  
the proffered degree in the following  
verse:

Oxford, I know you wish me well,  
But prithree let me be  
I can't stay, be D C L,  
For want of a d

### Mermaids

All the world over there are legends  
about mermaids. The Chinese tell  
stories not unlike others about the  
woman of their southern seas. Mer-  
maid is taught on the most excellent  
evidence that a mermaid was captured  
at Bangor on the shores of the Hel-  
fast loch, in the sixth century, while  
another caught at Edam in 1493 was  
carried to Haarlem and kept there for  
many years.

### Logical.

"John, dear, why are some women  
called Amazons?"  
"Well, my dear, you remember our  
geographies said the Amazon had the  
largest mouth?"  
But she went out and slammed the  
door before he could say any more.  
—London Mail

### Makes the Most of It.

"What sort of a chap is he?"  
"Well, after a beggar has touched  
him for a time he'll tell you he gave  
him a good thrashing and is now  
a very different man."

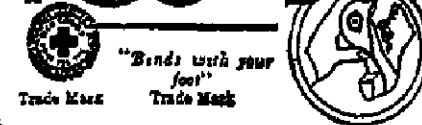


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not be had in the same  
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### Curious Geological Shiftings.

Although in the geological past vast  
changes of level occurred on the bor-  
ders and even in the center of con-  
tinents, it is a debated question whether  
at present similar elevations and  
subsidence can be detected. The fre-  
quently repeated statement that the  
coasts of Massachusetts and New Jer-  
sey are perceptibly sinking has been  
often disputed, the apparent subsi-  
dence being ascribed to simple changes  
of shore line. Nevertheless, some cu-  
rious records kept in Europe seem to  
indicate that actual fluctuations of the  
level of the land may occasionally be  
observed. In the valley of the Main  
a church tower hidden behind a moun-  
tain screen has since 1861 gradually  
risen into plain view from the chateau  
of Strossendorf and still farther in the  
same direction another church  
tower, which began to be visible from  
Strossendorf eighty years ago, is now  
clearly seen above the horizon and is  
said to rise higher as time goes on.  
Similar records exist in Bohemia, in  
Switzerland, in Spain and in the  
French Jura.—Harper's

### An English Billion.

In England a billion is a million  
times a million. This is quickly writ-  
ten and quicker still pronounced, but  
no man is able to count it. You will  
count 100 or 170 a minute, but let us  
suppose that you go up as high as 200  
a minute, hour after hour. At that  
rate you would count 12,000 an hour,  
288,000 a day or 106,120,000 in a year.  
Let us suppose now that Adam, at the  
beginning of his existence, had begun  
to count, had continued to do so and  
was counting still. Had such a thing  
been possible he would not have  
finished the task of counting a billion.  
To count a billion would require a per-  
son to count 200 a minute for a period  
of 9,512 years 542 days 5 hours 30  
minutes, provided that he should count  
continuously. But suppose we allow  
the counter twelve hours daily for  
rest, eating and sleeping. Then he  
would need 18,024 years 210 days 10  
hours 45 minutes in which to complete  
the task.







